

Facts for the People.
Did the Pope change the Sabbath? When? Where? and How? First of time, second, of place, third, of manner. It has been said that the Pope changed the day. There is no proof that this statement is true. A tract page is open before me, which professes to give certain assertions from Catholic authorities on the point involved. Question—What warrant have you for keeping the Sunday preferable to the ancient Sabbath which was Saturday? Answer—We have for it the authority of the Catholic church and Apostolic tradition. Question—Have you any other way of proving that the church has power to institute festivals of precept? Had she not such power she could not have done that in which all modern religionists agree with her; she could not have substituted the observance of Saturday, the 7th day for the 1st day of the week, a change for which there is no scriptural authority. The above is a fair sample of the literature going the rounds and doing duty as so called "proof" "evidence" and "argument." This is their whole stock in trade. The exposure of this will suffice for the whole. "The Catholic church has changed the Sabbath from the 7th to the 1st day of the week." We ask when? Where? and how? Seven day adventists in using these quotations from the Catechisms wholly ignore the fact, and carry the impression that the change was made by the Popes hundreds of years after the Apostles, but the Catechisms claim no such thing. The Catechisms, when fairly read, teach that Sunday observance originated with the Christian church in the days of the Apostles. This is true, but where is the proof that the church changed it? Well they say that the Pope did it. Proof. If Sunday is the Pope's Sabbath it should be supported by the clearest and abundant evidence. Not one single historian in all the annals of the world has ever stated that the Pope changed the Sabbath. Does it not say in Daniel 7:25 "And he shall speak great words against the most high and think to change times and laws." The word Sabbath is not in the prophecy. It said "think to change times and laws" and not one word about the Sabbath. The abolition of the Jewish Sabbath as a religious institution, and the establishment of a new and entirely different religious day, under a new and better covenant, for a new and different people, and for a different purpose, hundreds of years before Popes were made and the Catholic Church was founded. No further argument is necessary to disprove the claim of S. D. Adventists that the church or Popes of Rome changed the Sabbath. The Sabbath ended by limitation. The covenant containing it was abolished, the law ending in Christ. Every dispensation had a beginning; our own nationality or dispensation of civil liberty had its time of beginning, its place of beginning and manner. When did the christian dispensation begin? Answer. Ponticost in Jerusalem. Isa. 2:1-3. Micah 4, 1:2. Luke 24:47. The new testament could not be enjoined until after the death of Christ who was "the testator" this testament had a day called "the Lords' day," the first day of the week Christ's day officially and emphatically he is the Lord in this dispensation. All power or authority is given to him. He is head over all things to the church. On this day he arose from the dead and founded the church on this day; issued the first law of pardon on this day; and proclaimed Salvation to the whole world on the first day of the week. It is the day of worship and rejoicing. It is truly "the day the Lord has made in it we will rejoice and be glad" p. 118:24. D.

Stanford in 1852.
Dr. W. G. Alban, of Walla Walla, one of the forty-nine who joined the rush for gold in California was well acquainted with the late Leland Stanford and his millionaire associates. "When I first knew him," said the doctor to a Union representative, "he was justice of the peace in Alameda, and mining in Michigan bar on the American river. This was in 1852. He afterward started an oil house in Sacramento with his brothers. Later they moved further up to Fresno. The great enterprise in which he made his millions was the formation of the Central Pacific syndicate, composed of the two Crocker, Huntington, Hopkins, and Colton. He put all his property into a sixth interest. He was the financial head, business manager and superintendent of construction of the concern. He was a man of powerful physique, large head, and indomitable force. I have seen him many times going out on the line with his men in high-top boots. He was the genius, brains and money making power of the old syndicate, although I suppose that Huntington acquired more wealth later. I had a chance to see a twelfth interest in the Syndicate was offered me and I had no time to take it. I was a fool

that I didn't do it. A fool that I didn't do it," repeated the doctor musingly as he recalled the lost opportunity.

The Seven Devils Railroad.
Mr. Bates is back. He returned Thursday afternoon, and is looking well and feeling as good as he looks. The contract with the construction company was signed, sealed and delivered before he left New York, and he assures us, says the Payette Independent, that the Seven Devils railroad will be built. That is enough for us to know at present, and now it behooves the people of the Payette valley to be ready to lend all the encouragement within their power to promote the work. Mr. Bates has put in long months of hard labor on this project and spent a great deal of money. If he is ready to talk business to the people and is able in any way to demonstrate to them that he has succeeded in enlisting capital in the enterprise, we predict there will be no trouble in getting all the aid that is required at terminal points and along the entire line of the road.

Peary's Winter House.
The house in which Lieutenant Peary and party will make their winter quarters is now almost completed and will be taken apart and stowed on the Falcon before she leaves Philadelphia next Monday. It will be used on the east side of Inglefield gulf, Greenland. Particular attention has been given to protection from the cold. The dwelling affords room for twelve men, who are to comprise the party. It will be 134 feet from the ground to the top of the dome 35 long and 16 feet wide. To keep off the arctic blasts, Lieutenant Peary has decided to construct a stone wall five feet high and two feet thick around the house. Corrugated iron plates and hot bed sashed will be placed alternately from the wall to the roof of the house, all the way round, thus forming a corridor, and compelling those desiring to leave or enter to pass through the doors. Tar paper between the floors, and an electric light plant and photographic apparatus will be among the features of an equipment.

The Show Did the Business.
"Nathan, you are married, I understand," said the governor of Tennessee, addressing a hillside constituent.
"Yes, sir; captured the best looking girl in the whole country. Old Lige Peterson's daughter, Rose. You know'd her, I reckon."
"Yes, but I thought she was engaged to Sam Parker."
"She was, but I got ahead of him. Tell you how it was. She loved Sam powerful, for he is the best circuit-rider we have ever had. I loved Rose, and was mighty downcast, for I thought that w'a'n't no use in buck'n' agin him. Well the day for the weddin' was set, and a passul of us come to town to see the weddin', for Rose loved that she wanted to be married in town, and then take the cars for home, thereby gittin' a ten-mile bridal tower. When we got to town, lo and behold, there was a circus, with mo' horses than a strong man could shake a pole at.
"Rose was mighty keen to go to the show, but Sam says, says he, 'Rose, you know its agin my religion, an' therfo' we can't go. Stay here till I go an, git the license.'
"Rose's under jaw dropped. When Sam was gone, I says, says I, 'Rose, wouldn't you like to go to that show?'
" 'Yes, but Sam won't take me.'
" 'That's bad, Rose, fur they've got a world of horses.'
" Then she turned up and began to cry.
" 'Rose,' says I, 'if you marry Sam you can't go to the show, that's certain; but if you marry me I'll take you.' She studied awhile, and says, says she, 'An' let me stay to the concert airter the big show's over.'
" 'Yes.'
" 'An' let me look at the monkeys all I want to?'
" 'Tobby sho.'
" 'An' won't pull and haul me aroun' when I got interested?'
" 'No; swar I won't.'
" 'An' when the show's over will let me look at the monkeys agin?'
" 'Yes.'
" 'Nath,' said she puttin' her hand mighty lovin'ly on my arm, 'I'm yourn.'
" Then I jumped up, popped my heels together, an' in less'n a half hour we was done married and a lookin' at the monkeys. That's the way I won, that jewel, governor."—Arkansaw Traveler.

The Oregonian is authority for the statement that General Compson is waiting to find good material for members of his staff. There is a kind of "fitness of things" in the public mind that suggests that Compson's candidate for clerk of the Railroad Commission ought to be the General's first choice. But there are often baracles to be urged for public place that a man would not tolerate in a leading position.

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